

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

The specification has been amended to eliminate some minor obvious errors. No new matter whatsoever has been added.

The drawings have been replaced with an improved set bearing the required legends.

The claims have been amended to comply better with US form and practice, and have been combined to better define the invention over the art.

More particularly claim 1 has been amended by incorporation in it of the subject matter of now canceled claims 6-8. Claim 19 has been similarly amended by incorporation into it of now canceled claims 24-26.

The rejections of claims 6-8 and 24-26 relied on US 2002/0177454 of Karri. This reference only discloses that sound can be added to picture and text in a message. Karri does not automatically generate an animated image starting from a synthesized voice signal obtained automatically from a text

message. This is clearly an invention and not obvious under §103 over Karri, US 6,895,251 of Soh and US 6,667,361 of Rooke.

If only minor problems that could be corrected by means of a telephone conference stand in the way of allowance of this case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned to make the necessary corrections.

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